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SUBJECT:DAHOMAN CANDIDACY FOR ITU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

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1. EMBASSY AT ITS DISCRETION MAY RESPOND TO MRGD ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITS CANDIDACY FOR RE-ELECTION TO ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF ITU ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

EMBASSY THANKS MRGD FOR MAKING THIS INFORMATION KNOWN AND ASSURES IT THAT USG WILL GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO CANDIDACY OF DAHOMEY IN MAKING ITS PREPARATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN TORREMOLINOS, SPAIN, SEPTEMBER 14 - OCTOBER 26, 1973.

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2. FYI: AFRICA IS ONE OF FIVE GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS USED IN

CHOOSING MEMBERS OF ITU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL AND HAS SEVEN OF 29 SEATS. DAHOMEY ONE OF 15 COSPONSORS OF AFRICAN RESOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED KN TORREMOLINOS CALLING FOR EXPANSION IN SIZE OF COUNCIL TO 34, ADDING ONE ADDITIONAL SEAT FOR EACH REGION, THEREBY INCREASING AFRICAN SEATS TO EIGHT.

3. DAHOMEY WAS ELECTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP IN 1965; OTHER AFRICAN MEMBERS ARE ALGERIA, ETHIOPIA, MALAGASY REPUBLIC, MOROCCO, NIGERIA AND UGANDA. BESIDES DAHOMEY, OTHER AFRICAN CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED TO DATE ARE: EGYPT,

SENEGAL, LESOTHO, ZAIRE, NIGERIA AND CAMEROON. SINCE WE EXPECT MORE AFRICAN CANDIDATES TO SURFACE PRIOR TO ELECTION IN TORREMOLINOS,USG HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHICH CANDIDATES TO SUPPORT. USEL IN TORREMOLINOS WILL CONSULT WITH AFRICANS THERE TO TRY TO DETERMINE AREA CHOICE; BASIC US POLICY IS TO SUPPORT CHOICE OF AREA IN THESE ELECTIONS.

4. VOTING FOR COUNCIL SEATS AT CONFERENCE WILL BE BY SECRET BALLOT WITH ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING TAKING PART. IN AFRICAN REGION FOR EXAMPLE, IF TEN CANDIDATES RUN FOR SEVEN SEATS, EACH MEMBER VOTES FOR SEVEN OF THE TEN AND THE SEVEN CANDIDATES RECEIVING LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES WIN SEATS. END FYI. RUSH

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